

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

Restriction to one of the following groups is requested:

Group II: Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-16; and

Group III: Claims 5-6, 11-12 and 17-20.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims in Group II (i.e., claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-16) for further prosecution in this application.

Claims in Group III (claims 5-6, 11-12 and 17-20) have accordingly been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the claims in Group III in divisional applications. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-16 remain pending in this application after entry of this response. Claims 5-6, 11-12 and 17-20 have been withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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